

ABSTRACT

Methods for a graphic user interface within a document
production system, including a method for associating electronic data files to
particular document components and a method for providing a graphical
5 representation of a job model for a document. Included within these methods
are methods for checking the progress during production of a job through
production processes having a plurality of devices as well as methods of
checking the status of components of the document and status of devices
during production. Also included in these methods are methods for selecting
10 among a plurality of possible arrangements of devices capable of producing
the document.